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বিজ্ঞপ্তি

জাপান সরকারের Young Leaders' Program (YLP) 2021 শীর্ষক বৃত্তির আওতায় National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan-এ এক বছর মেয়াদি (October 2021 to September 2022) Public Administration/Public Policy বিষয়ে মাস্টার্স কোর্সে অংশগ্রহণের নিমিত্ত বিসিএস ক্যাডারভুক্ত কর্মকর্তাগণের নিকট হতে ৩টি সুযোগের বিপরীতে নিম্নোক্ত শর্ত সাপেক্ষে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। এতদসংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত তথ্যাবলী এসশে সংযুক্ত করা হলো :

শর্তসমূহ :

১. Age: Applicants must be, in principle, under 40 years of age, as of 01 October, 2021 (i.e. born on or after 02 October, 1981);
২. Academic Background: Applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree or equivalent from a recognized/accredited university or college, and have achieved excellent academic performance;
৩. Work Experience: At least 3 years of full-time work experience in total as of October 1, 2021 in Public Administration (preferably 5 years or more);
৪. English Ability: A minimum TOEFL iBT score of 79, IELTS Academic score of 6.0 or equivalent;
৫. যারা ইতোমধ্যে বুনিয়াদি প্রশিক্ষণসহ চাকরিতে স্থায়ী হয়েছেন এবং শিক্ষা জীবনে যাদের কমপক্ষে ০১ (এক) টি প্রথম বিভাগ/শ্রেণি রয়েছে (কোন তৃতীয় বিভাগ নয়);
৬. জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয়ের প্রজ্ঞাপন নং-০৫.০০.০০০০.২১১.২২.১০৬.২০০৮-৩৩৯, তারিখ: ০৬/১২/২০১৫ মোতাবেক চাকরিতে প্রবেশের পর প্রেষণ/শিক্ষাছুটিতে একটি মাস্টার্স ডিগ্রী সম্পন্ন করেছেন এমন কর্মকর্তার মাস্টার্স এর জন্য আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই;
৭. উল্লিখিত কোর্সে আবেদনের এবং কর্মকর্তাগণের আবেদন অগ্রায়নের ক্ষেত্রে জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয়ের ২৯/০৮/১৯৯২ তারিখের সম(বিঃপ্রঃ)৮০/৯২-৫১৮(৫০০) নম্বর স্মারকে জারিকৃত বেসামরিক কর্মকর্তাগণের বৈদেশিক প্রশিক্ষণ/উচ্চশিক্ষা সম্পর্কিত নীতি ও পদ্ধতি অনুসরণ করতে হবে;
৮. আবেদনকারীকে নিয়ন্ত্রণকারী কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে;
৯. বর্ণিত কোর্সে আবেদন বৃত্তির নিশ্চয়তা প্রদান করে না, প্রার্থী বাছাইয়ের ক্ষেত্রে জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয় ও GRIPS কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত চূড়ান্ত;
১০. অসম্পূর্ণ বা নির্ধারিত সময়ের পরে প্রাপ্ত আবেদন বিবেচনা করা হবে না।

২। উপরিউক্ত যোগ্যতা সম্পন্ন আগ্রহী প্রার্থীগণকে যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবশ্যিকভাবে আগামী ১৬/১১/২০২০ তারিখের মধ্যে নির্ধারিত ফরম যথাযথভাবে পূরণ করে ০৬ (ছয়) সেট ফরম ও সংশ্লিষ্ট কাগজপত্র এবং সংযুক্ত ফরম (বাংলা) পূরণ করে তার হার্ডকপি জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয়ের বিদেশ প্রশিক্ষণ শাখায় (ভবন নম্বর ০২, কক্ষ নম্বর ১০৯) প্রেরণ করতে হবে।

সংযুক্তি : বর্ণনামতে


মু. ইকরামুল ইসলাম
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বিতরণ- সদয় জ্ঞাতার্থে ও কার্যার্থে :

- ১। সিনিয়র সচিব/সচিব/ভারপ্রাপ্ত সচিব (সকল)।
- ২। অতিরিক্ত সচিব (সকল), জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয়।
- ৩। বিভাগীয় কমিশনার (সকল)।
- ৪। যুগ্মসচিব (সকল), জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয়।
- ৫। সচিবের একান্ত সচিব, জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয় (সচিব মহোদয়ের সদয় অবগতির জন্য)।
- ৬। সিনিয়র সিস্টেমস এনালিস্ট, পিএসিসি, জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয় (মন্ত্রণালয়ের ওয়েবসাইটে প্রকাশের অনুরোধসহ)।

আবেদনকারী কর্মকর্তার তথ্যাবলী (বাংলা ফরম):

১.	নাম :	
২.	পরিচিতি নং (যদি থাকে) :	
৩.	পদবি ও বর্তমান কর্মস্থল :	
৪.	ক্যাডার সার্ভিসের নাম (যদি থাকে) :	
৫.	আবেদনের বিষয় (কোর্সের নাম):	
৬.	জন্ম তারিখ : ও বয়স :	
৭.	চাকরিকাল :	
৮.	সর্বশেষ শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা :	
৯.	IELTS/ TOEFL স্কোর (Valid)	
১০.	ইতঃপূর্বে বিদেশ প্রশিক্ষণ/উচ্চশিক্ষা গ্রহণ করলে তার বিবরণ :	
১১.	মোবাইল নম্বর : ও ই-মেইল এড্রেস :	
১২.	অফিসিয়াল মেশিন রিডেবল পাসপোর্ট নম্বর : ও মেয়াদ :	

সুপারিশ করা হলো

আবেদনকারী স্বাক্ষর ও সীল

নিয়ন্ত্রণকারী কর্তৃপক্ষের স্বাক্ষর ও সীল



Embassy of Japan
Dhaka

No. 280/FO/20

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Note Verbale

The Embassy of Japan presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and has the honor to inform the latter that the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Monbukagakusho: MEXT), Government of Japan, would like to offer scholarship to the government officials of Bangladesh under "Young Leaders' Program (YLP) 2021". Recommended officials from (1) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, (2) the Ministry of Public Administration (3) the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (4) the Bangladesh Economic Zone Authority (BEZA) (5) the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) as well as (6) the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, can pursue their studies in one-year program in Japanese graduate schools. The duration of the program is one year from October 2021 to September 2022. Detailed information and instructions are enclosed herewith.

The Embassy has further the honour to request each of the above mentioned Ministries to recommend to the Embassy, in accordance with enclosed instructions, up to 3 qualified candidates from their officials with their application materials by **30 November 2020**.

The Embassy of Japan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurance of its highest consideration.

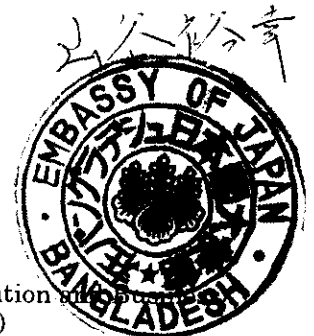
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh

CC:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration,
2. Senior Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
3. Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
4. Secretary, the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs
5. Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Economic Zone Authority
6. Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority

Encl:

1. YLP Application Form (School of Government, Law, Medical Administration and Business)
2. Guideline (School of Government, Medical Administration and Business)
3. Recommendation Form
4. Essay Questions (for School of Government, Law and Business)
5. Certificate of Health Format (School of Government and others)
6. Outline of YLP



**APPLICATION GUIDELINES
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2021
YOUNG LEADERS' PROGRAM (YLP) STUDENT (SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT)**

I OUTLINE

1. Objectives

The Young Leaders' Program (YLP) aims to contribute to cultivate future national leaders in Asian and other countries, moreover, to contribute to establish friendly relationships among various countries and to improve policy planning activities by forming a network among national leaders through deepening their understanding of Japan. The YLP is one of the Japanese Government (MEXT*) Scholarship Programs.

*MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

2. Eligible Countries and Participants

Participants are selected from the countries listed below. They should be young public administrators and government officials who are expected to play active roles in the future as national leaders in their home countries.

Eligible Countries:

P. R. China, Rep. of Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Viet Nam, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Australia, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey
(29 Countries)

3. Host University

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)

4. Number of Students

Approximately 20 students

5. Recruitment and Selection

(1) Method of Recruitment

Recruitment will be conducted through the recommending authorities of each eligible country. Please ask the Japanese Embassy for further information.

(2) Screening Procedure

- ① First screening by the recommending authorities
- ② Second screening by GRIPS
- ③ Final screening by the YLP committee organized by MEXT

6. Curriculum (Please refer to "Curriculum Guidelines".)

(1) Basic Concepts

The curriculum is designed to train and cultivate national leaders in their respective fields of government, who are seeking to take advantage of Japan's experiences of interaction with both Western and Asian countries and also to establish a human network through various activities, such as special lectures, colloquium, independent study, field trip, etc.

(2) Course Duration and Qualification

Course duration is one year, resulting in the conferral of a Master's Degree in Public Administration/Public Policy by GRIPS.

(3) Language

All lectures are conducted in English.

7. Commencement of the Program

October 2021

II INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

MEXT will offer scholarships to foreign students who wish to study at GRIPS as YLP students in public administration/public policy for the academic year 2021 under the MEXT Scholarship Program. The conditions are as follows:

1. Field of Study

Public Administration/Public Policy

2. Qualifications

- (1) **Nationality:** Applicant must be nationals of countries eligible for the YLP (School of Government). An applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application is not eligible.
- (2) **Age:** Applicants must be, in principle, under 40 years of age as of October 1, 2021 (i.e. born on or after October 2, 1981).
- (3) **Academic Background:** Applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree or equivalent from a recognized/accredited university or college, and have achieved excellent academic performance.
- (4) **Work Experience:** At least 3 years of full-time work experience in total as of October 1, 2021 in public administration (preferably 5 years or more).
- (5) **English Ability:** A minimum TOEFL iBT score of 79, IELTS Academic score of 6.0 or equivalent.
- (6) **Health:** Applicants must be judged that you are medically adequate to pursue study in Japan by an examining physician on a prescribed certificate of health.
- (7) **Arrival in Japan:** In principle, applicants must be able to arrive in Japan during the period specified by GRIPS, within two weeks before and after the first day of the course conducted by the accepting university. If the applicant cannot arrive in Japan during the specified period for personal reasons, travel expenses to Japan will not be paid.
- (8) **Visa Requirement:** In principle, a selected applicant must obtain a "Student" (留学) visa at the Japanese diplomatic mission located in the applicant's country of nationality, and enter Japan with the residence status of "Student." Applicants who change their residence status to any status other than "Student" (留学) after their arrival in Japan will immediately lose their status as a MEXT Scholarship student.
- (9) **Non-Eligibility:** Applicants who meet any or all of the following conditions are not eligible. If identified after acceptance of the scholarship grantees, the applicants will be required to withdraw from the scholarship:
 - ① Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the period of the payment of the scholarship;
 - ② Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the last date of the period designated by GRIPS;
 - ③ Those who are already enrolled in a Japanese university or other institution with a residence status of "Student" (留学) or who are going to be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution as a privately-financed international student from the time of application to the MEXT scholarship program in the applicant's country until the commencement of the period for payment of the MEXT scholarship. However, this stipulation does not apply to privately-financed international students who, even though they are enrolled, or are planning to enroll, in a Japanese university, verifiably complete their studies before the start of the scholarship payment period, return to their home country at the time of the scholarship application, and newly acquire the "Student" residence status and come to Japan;
 - ④ Those who are planning to receive scholarship money from an organization other than MEXT (including a government organization of the applicant's country) on top of the scholarship money provided by MEXT after the start of the scholarship payment period;
 - ⑤ Holders of dual nationality at the time of application who cannot verify that they will give up Japanese nationality by the time of the arrival in Japan;
 - ⑥ Those wishing to engage in fieldwork or an internship in a country other than Japan after submission of Application; or
 - ⑦ Those who will lose their status as public administrators or government officials following the time of application or before completion of the program.

3. Period of Scholarship

One year, from October 2021 to September 2022

4. Scholarship Benefits

- (1) **Allowance:** 242,000 yen per month. Due to the situation of the Japanese Government's budget, the amount of payment may be subject to change each fiscal year. The scholarship will not be paid to a grantee who is long absent from the assigned university.

(2) Traveling Costs:

- ① **Transportation to Japan:** In principle, MEXT stipulates the travel schedule and route, and provides an economy-class airline ticket from the international airport nearest to his/her home address (in principle, the country of nationality) to Narita or Haneda International Airport. The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to domestic travel from his/her home address to the nearest international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within Japan (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc. The present address in the country of the grantee's nationality stated in the application form is in principle regarded as the recipient's "home address". If, however, the address stated in the application form will be changed at the time of leaving from his/her country, the changed address will be regarded as the "home address".
- ② **Transportation from Japan:** Based on the application by the grantee, MEXT will provide an airline ticket to grantees who shall graduate the accepting university and return to the home country by the end of the final month of the period of scholarship (See "3. Period of Scholarship") designated by MEXT. MEXT, in principle, shall provide an economy-class airline ticket from Narita or Haneda International Airport to the international airport (in principle, in the country of nationality) nearest to the returning grantee's residence. The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to travel from the grantee's residence in Japan to Narita or Haneda international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within the country of nationality (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc.

(3) Education Fees: Fees for entrance examination, matriculation and tuition will be paid by MEXT.

(4) Accommodations:

In principle, grantees may reside at residence halls provided by GRIPS, which plans to arrange TIEC (Tokyo International Exchange Center Residence Hall). Kindly be noted (a) spouse, (b) spouse and child/children, are allowed to live with grantees due to TIEC policy.

5. Suspension of Payment of Scholarship

Payment of the scholarship will be stopped for the reasons given below. Should any of the following reasons apply, the grantees may be ordered to return a part of, or all of, the scholarship paid up to that time. Payment of the scholarship may also be stopped during the period up to the decision on the disposition of the matter.

- ① A grantee is determined to have made a false statement on his/her application;
- ② A grantee violates any article of his/her pledge made to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
- ③ A grantee violates any Japanese laws and is sentenced and imprisoned for an indefinite period or for a period of exceeding 1 year;
- ④ A grantee is suspended from his/her university or receives other punishment, or is removed from enrollment; as a disciplinary action in accordance with school regulations of the accepting institution;
- ⑤ It has been determined that it will be impossible for a grantee to complete the course within the standard time period because of poor academic grades or suspension or absence from the university;
- ⑥ A grantee came to Japan without newly acquiring the "Student" (留学) residence status, or changed his/her residence status to one other than "Student";
- ⑦ A grantee has received another scholarship (excluding those specified for research expenses);
- ⑧ If a grantee's government and/or other state institutions request such cancellation.

6. Selection

- (1) Based on the recommendation of authorities, GRIPS will select initial candidates from among applicants by means of a review of the submitted documents, and an interview. Depending on the evaluation of the submitted documents, you may not proceed to an interview. If it is not possible to hold an interview in the applicant's home country, an interview may be conducted by telephone or the Internet.
- (2) Those who have been selected initially by GRIPS will be put forward to the YLP committee established by MEXT for the final selection.

7. Education at GRIPS

All lectures and practical training are conducted in English.

8. The Application Process

Selection for admission is based on the evaluation of supporting documents submitted. Before starting your application, please carefully review the following application process.

You will NOT be registered as an applicant until we have received a complete set of your required supporting documents.

If you have applied to GRIPS in previous years and wish to reapply this year, any supporting documents you submitted previously cannot be used for this year's application.

Please note that if you provide any false or misleading statement or incomplete or inaccurate information in your application, your application may not be screened, you may be denied admission or, if you have been admitted, you may be dismissed from GRIPS.

A complete set of your required supporting documents must reach your recommending authority by the designated deadline. Incomplete applications and applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

All materials submitted by an applicant become the property of GRIPS and will not be returned. Please make sure to keep one copy of your application for your records.

9. Supporting Documents

All documents must be in English.

Supporting documents, which can be prepared solely by the applicant, should be typed or printed wherever possible (A4 size paper and single-sided printing are preferable). If circumstances require, documents legibly handwritten with a pen or a ballpoint pen are acceptable.

If your name as written in your application is different from that on the document(s) you submit, and if there is some reason (e.g. marriage) for the difference, please submit official documentation of that reason (e.g. marriage certificate).

Faxed documents or digital copies sent by e-mail will not be accepted.

Do not attach any additional documents apart from the items listed below.

Number the documents from ① to ⑩ (the items numbered in the list below) in the upper right corner of each document.

- ① Application for Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (1 original and 3 photocopies, use the designated form)

Please prepare a photograph of your face, in accordance with the stipulations on the form, and paste it onto the form.

- ② Recommendation letter from the recommending authority (1 original and 3 photocopies)

- ③ Two (2) letters of recommendation (1 original and 3 photocopies for each letter, use the designated form)

Your letters of recommendation must be written by faculty members or job supervisors who are familiar with your academic and/or professional abilities. At least one and preferably two should be written by your immediate superiors at work.

You are required to request each of your recommenders to write a letter of recommendation using the designated form and submit them. Each of your letters must contain four A4 pages provided. Letters submitted that do not use our designated forms will not be accepted. They must be submitted in sealed, unopened envelopes signed across the flap by the recommender.

- ④ · ⑤ Official transcripts of academic record and graduation/degree certificates (1 original and 3 photocopies for each document)

You are advised to show the instructions below to registrars at each of the universities that you attended when you request issuance of transcripts/certificates in accordance with our requirements.

You must submit an official transcript of your academic record and your graduation/degree certificates from each undergraduate or graduate institution that you attended/graduated from. These must be documents issued by the university and bearing the seal or signature of the registrar, and they must be submitted in sealed, unopened

envelopes with the university logo and address noted; the envelopes must be signed or stamped across the flap by the issuing school authorities.

④ Official transcripts of academic record

Official transcripts should contain the following information:

- Name of the degree program/course
- Enrollment period
- Names of all courses taken and grades received
- Grading scale including the maximum grade point/score

If you are currently attending a university, please submit your most recent transcript.

⑤ Official graduation/degree certificates

Official certificates should state the name of your degree and the date the degree was awarded. Provisional or temporary graduation/degree certificates are not acceptable. DO NOT send your original diploma, as documents will not be returned.

If you are currently attending a university, you must submit an authorized statement certifying the specific date of graduation and the title of the expected degree.

Important notes

- Photocopies of transcripts/certificates that have been verified by a notary public are not acceptable.
- If a university has a policy not to issue more than one official transcript/certificate, you may submit official photocopies verified by the university. To be official, these must bear the institution's official stamp or the signature of the registrar. They must be submitted in sealed, unopened envelopes with the university logo and address noted; the envelopes must be signed or stamped across the flap by the issuing school authorities.
- If a university cannot issue an official English version of your transcript/certificate, you are required to submit both:
 - The official transcript/certificate (photocopies are not acceptable), written in its original language and bearing the institution's stamp or the signature of the registrar, and
 - An official verbatim English translation of the document, prepared by an accredited translator.

⑥ Official evidence of English ability (1 original and 3 photocopies)

One of the following test scores is required:

1. TOEFL iBT: 79 or higher
2. IELTS Academic: 6.0 or higher
3. Other equivalent test score

Please note that English test scores are valid for two years from the test date, and therefore, tests must have been taken within two years of the time of enrollment at GRIPS. If you submit the results of a different test of English proficiency, please submit a conversion of the score to TOEFL or IELTS.

How to apply for a waiver of the English language proficiency requirement

(Please note that there are two categories in our English test exemption policy.)

Category 1: Applicants who have completed or expect to complete an undergraduate or a graduate degree at an accredited institution located in the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or Ireland will be automatically exempted from submitting an English test score.

Category 2: Applicants who have completed or expect to complete an undergraduate or a graduate degree at an institution where the language of instruction is English may request a waiver of the English language proficiency requirement. If you wish to apply for such a waiver, you must submit, as evidence, official documents issued by the educational institution you attended, certifying that your undergraduate or graduate education was conducted entirely in English. If the official transcript of your academic record or graduation/degree certificate includes that information, you need not submit a separate document. This document must be issued by the university and bear the seal or signature of the registrar, and it must be submitted in a sealed, unopened envelope with the university logo and address noted; the envelope must be signed or stamped across the flap by the issuing school authority. You are advised to show these instructions to the registrar at the university that you attended when you request issuance of the document in accordance with our requirements.

- ⑦ Copy of your passport (4 photocopies)
You must submit a copy of the page(s) with your name, nationality, date of birth and photo. If you do not possess a passport, please submit a copy of your family register or certificate of citizenship.
- ⑧ Essay explaining applicant's aspirations and future plans following program completion (1 original and 3 photocopies)
You must submit 3-page essay describing your reason/motivation for applying; future plans and expectations from the program as well as future career goals.
- ⑨ Answer to the essay questions (1 original and 3 photocopies)
- ⑩ Certificate of health (1 original and 3 photocopies, use the designated form)
A certificate of health must be issued by the medical institution designated by Japanese Embassy; all items must be completed, and all comments must be written in English in block letters.

10. Notes

- (1) Each grantee is advised to learn some basic Japanese language and to acquire basic information on Japanese climate, geography, customs, university education, and social conditions in Japan, as well as about the differences between the Japanese legal system and that of his/her home country before departing for Japan.
- (2) As the first installment of the scholarship payment will be made from one month to one and a half months after the grantee's arrival in Japan, the grantee is recommended to bring at least approximately US \$2,000 with him/her to Japan to cover immediate living expenses and other necessary expenses.
- (3) The scholarship payments will be transferred to the bank account of Japan Post Bank (JP Bank) opened by each grantee after the arrival in Japan. MEXT will not transfer the scholarship payments to other account.
- (4) Grantees must enroll in National Health Insurance (Kokumin Kenko Hoken) upon arrival in Japan.
- (5) Information regarding the MEXT Scholarship recipient (name, gender, date of birth, nationality, accepting university/graduate school/undergraduate school, field of specialty, period of enrolment, career path after completion of scholarship, contact information [address, telephone number, e-mail address]) may be shared with other relevant government organizations for the purpose of utilization for overseas students programs implemented by the Japanese Government (support during period of study in Japan, follow-up survey, improvement of the overseas student system).
Information regarding MEXT Scholarship Students (excluding date of birth and contact information) may be included in publicity materials prepared by the Japanese Government for promoting the acceptance of overseas students in Japan, particularly in order to introduce former MEXT Scholarship Students who are playing active roles in countries around the world.
These terms and conditions are included in the Pledge stipulating rules and regulations which MEXT Scholarship recipients must comply with and submit when they have been granted the Scholarship.
- (6) All personal information that we receive from applicants will be used for the purposes of admissions screening, collecting statistical information, student registration, and educational affairs.
- (7) If there are any questions about the content of the written text in this Application Guideline or any other matters, applicants/grantees should inquire the Japanese diplomatic mission in the applicant's country and follow their instructions.
- (8) In addition to the regulations stipulated in this Application Guideline, those that are necessary to implement the Japanese Government Scholarship programs shall be determined by the Japanese Government.

Young Leaders' Program (School of Government) Curriculum Guidelines

I Basic Concepts

1. Each subject will deal with theories based not only on the experiences of the so-called modern Western World, but also on those concerned with the historical experiences of Japan and other non-Western countries. While analyzing commonalities in the modernization process along with its various possibilities, the courses seek to find the most desirable method for each country's modernization. (Comparative Approach)
2. Through modernization, our thoughts and ideas undergo deep transformations. However, the curriculum will not be concerned with modern ideas alone, but will also incorporate basic premises from the classical civilizations and ideas of the great thinkers. (Emphasis on liberal arts education aiming at self-relativization and critical thinking)
3. Going beyond instruction that is related to skills and knowledge, the curriculum will emphasize the fostering of students' ideas; identifying problems; and developing the ability to arrive at their own solutions. (Emphasis on discussion and self-study)
4. Through encounters with leading figures from all areas (including other promising young students), the curriculum aims to create human networks and further understanding about Japan.
5. By offering a broad range of courses, the curriculum encourages students to establish policymaking abilities required of national leaders who are knowledgeable in a broad range of areas.

II Students

The course is designed for young public administrators and government officials, who are expected to play active roles in Asia and Central Europe as future national leaders.

III Courses (Courses offered are subject to change)

1. Required Courses (3credits)
 - The World and the SDGs
 - Introduction to Japan
2. Recommended Courses (At least 10 credits)
 - Microeconomics I
 - Essential Microeconomics
 - Contemporary Japanese Economy
 - Japanese Economy
 - Economic Development of Japan
 - Government and Politics in Japan
 - International Relations
 - International Political Economy
 - International Security Studies
 - Comparative Politics
 - Structure and Process of Government
 - Leadership and Knowledge Creation
 - Global Governance: Leadership and Negotiation
 - GRIPS Forum I
 - GRIPS Forum II
3. Elective Courses (Credits for the graduation requirement)
 - Macroeconomics I

- Government and Market
- Global Development Agendas and Japan's ODA
- International Trade
- Japanese Financial System
- Development Economics
- Monetary and Fiscal Policy
- Japanese Foreign Policy
- Social Science Questions and Methodologies
- Introduction to Data Science
- Data Science in Practice
- Local Government System and Finance
- Local Governance in the Changing World

4. Colloquium (2 credits) (Required Course)

This course will provide an opportunity to listen and discuss various issues with many distinguished government leaders and business executives. The colloquia will be organized fifteen or sixteen times a year, divided between the fall and spring terms.

5. Independent Study (4 credits) and Tutorial (2 credits) (Required Course)

Students will produce a research paper on a topic of their choice, under the guidance of designated advisors. Students are allowed to conduct related fieldworks upon request.

Also, students will consult in a small-group setting with faculty members by participating in Tutorial.

6. Field Trip (2 credits) (Required Course)

Field Trip to a variety of places, such as regional offices of the central government, local governments, industrial facilities, historical heritage, and cultural assets in the different regions of Japan will be arranged during the fall term.

7. Other Educational Activities

Japanese Language Class

All lectures are conducted in English, making it unnecessary for students to master Japanese. However, Japanese language courses will be offered to students who wish to further their knowledge of Japanese language and culture.

IV Further information

For more information on GRIPS, please visit: <http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/>

APPLICATION FOR JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP

日本政府（文部科学省）奨学金留学生申請書

Young Leaders' Program Student for 2021 (School of Government)
ヤング・リーダーズ・プログラム留学生（行政コース）

INSTRUCTIONS (記入上の注意)

1. The application must be typewritten if possible, or neatly handwritten in block letters. (明瞭に記入すること。)

2. Numbers should be in Arabic figures. (数字は算用数字を用いること。)

3. Year should be written in the Anno Domini system. (年号はすべて西暦とすること。)

4. Proper nouns should be written in full, and not be abbreviated. (固有名詞はすべて正式な名称とし、一切省略しないこと。)

*Personal data entered in this application will only be used for scholarship selection purposes, and contact information such as e-mail addresses will only be used for forming related human networks after the student returns home and for sending of information by the Japanese Government.

(本申請書に記載された個人情報については、本奨学金の選考のために使用するほかは、特にE-mail アドレス等の連絡先については、帰国後における関係者のネットワークを作ること、及び必要に応じ日本政府より各種情報を送信する以外には使用しない。)

5. Please complete each section as fully and accurately as possible. Please respond to all questions. The information you provide is essential in reviewing your application. Please note that if you provide any false or misleading statement or incomplete or inaccurate information in your application, your application may not be screened, you may be denied admission or, if you have been admitted, you may be dismissed from GRIPS. (提出書類の記載事項が事実と相違していることが判明した場合には、入学後であっても入学を取り消すことがある。)

1. Name in Full in Your Native Language (姓名 (自国語)) _____ (Sex)
 Male (男)
 Female (女)
 _____ (Family Name/Surname) (First Name) (Middle Name)

In Roman Block Capital Letters (as written in your passport) (ローマ字、パスポート表記がある場合は、それに合わせる) (Marital Status)
 Single (未婚)
 Married (既婚)
 _____ (Family Name/Surname) (First Name) (Middle Name)

2. Nationality (国籍) _____ 2-2. Possession of Japanese Nationality (日本国籍を有する者) Yes, I have. (はい)
 No, I don't have. (いいえ)

3. Date of Birth (生年月日) _____
 19 _____
 Year (年) Month (月) Day (日) Age (年齢) : as of October 1, 2021
 (2021年10月1日現在の年齢)

Photograph
 Taken within the last 6 months, providing a clear, front view of your entire face.
 Write your name and nationality in block letters on the back of the photo.
 (写真 (5 × 4 cm))

4. Present Employer (現職) _____
 Present Position (役職名) Department/Section (部署) Employer (勤務先)

 Address (住所) _____ Postal Code (郵便番号)

 TEL (電話番号) _____ FAX (ファックス番号) _____ E-mail (Eメールアドレス)

5. Residential Address (現住所)

Address (住所)

Postal Code (郵便番号)

↳ If the above present home address will be changed at the time of leaving from your country, please specify the changed address below. (渡日時の住所が上記現住所から変更になることが確定している場合は、下記に記入すること。)

TEL (電話番号)

FAX (ファックス番号)

E-mail (Eメールアドレス)

* If possible, write an E-mail address where you can be contacted for periods that include the time before you come to Japan, your stay in Japan and the period after you return home.

(可能な限り、渡日前～日本留学中～帰国後にわたり使い続けることが予想されるEメールアドレスを記入すること。)

6. Field of Study Specialized in the Past (Be as detailed and concrete as possible.)

(過去に専攻した専門分野 (できるだけ具体的に詳細に書くこと。))

7. Education History (学歴)

		Full Name of Institution & Location (学校名及び所在地)	Year and Month of Enrollment (入学年月)	Year and Month of Graduation (卒業年月)	Duration of Schooling (修学年数)	Diploma or Degree Awarded, Major Subject, Skipped Years and Levels (学位・資格、専攻科目、飛び級の状況)
Primary Education (初等教育)	Elementary School (小学校)	Name (学校名) Location: City & Country (所在地: 都市、国)			years (年) and months (月)	
	Lower Secondary Education (Middle School/Junior High School) (中学校)	Name (学校名) Location: City & Country (所在地: 都市、国)			years (年) and months (月)	
Secondary Education (中等教育)	Upper Secondary Education ((Senior) High School) (高校)	Name (学校名) Location: City & Country (所在地: 都市、国)			years (年) and months (月)	*-1
	Undergraduate (Bachelor's) (大学)	Name (学校名) Location: City & Country (所在地: 都市、国)			years (年) and months (月)	
Tertiary (Higher) Education (高等教育)	Graduate (Master's/ Doctoral) (大学院)	Name (学校名) Location: City & Country (所在地: 都市、国)			years (年) and months (月)	
	Total Number of Years and Months of Education (以上を通算した全学校教育修学年数) As of October 1, 2021 (2021年10月1日現在)				_____ Years and _____ months (年) (月)	

*If the blank spaces above are not sufficient for information required, please attach a separate sheet. In such case, please stipulate that the information is on a separate page.

((注) 上欄に書ききれない場合には、適当な別紙に記入して添付すること。その場合は、別紙に記入する旨を上記学歴欄に明記すること。)

- Notes:
1. Exclude kindergarten and/or nursery school education. (幼稚園・保育所教育は含まれない。)
 2. Preparatory education for university admission should be included in upper secondary school. (いわゆる「大学予備教育」は中等教育に含まれる。)
 3. If you have passed a high school equivalency examination (and did not graduate from high school), indicate as such in the fifth column (Diploma or Degree Awarded, Major Subject, Skipped Years and Levels) with *-1. (高等学校卒業程度資格を有している場合には、その旨を*-1欄に記入すること。)
 4. Any school years or levels skipped should be indicated in the fifth column (Diploma or Degree Awarded, Major Subject, Skipped Years and Levels). (Example: Skipped senior year for early graduation)
(いわゆる「飛び級」をしている場合には、その旨を該当する教育課程の「学位・資格、専攻科目、飛び級の状況」欄に記載すること。
(例: 3年次を飛び級により短期卒業))
 5. If you attended multiple schools at the same level of education due to moving house or readmission to university, write the names of the schools in the same column. (住居の移転や大学の再入学等を理由に、同教育課程で複数の学校に在籍していた場合は、同じ欄に複数の学校の在籍を記載すること。)
 6. Calculate and write the total number of years and months of education you will have completed at the time of your enrolment at GRIPS, based on your total time as a student (as detailed above, including extended leave such as summer vacation). (修学年数合計は在籍期間を算出し、記入すること。(長期休暇も含める))

8. Employment Record (List your current and previous employment (up to three positions) in reverse chronological order, starting with your most recent position.)

(職歴: 過去の役職から現職も含めて3つ記入すること)

*****At least 3 years of full-time work experience in public administration is required.*****

(行政機関等において、常勤職員として3年以上の実務経験が必須)

Name and Location of Organization (勤務先及び所在地)	Department/Section (部署名)	Position (役職名)	Job Description (職務内容)	Period of Employment (勤務期間)
Present occupation: To be shown in the former page (現職: 前のページに表記済)				From To Present
				From To
				From To

*If the blank spaces above are not sufficient for information required, please attach a separate sheet.

((注) 上欄に書ききれない場合には、適当な別紙に記入して添付すること。)

9. Extracurricular and Regional Activities (課外活動又は地域社会での活動)

Extracurricular and Regional Activities (課外活動又は地域社会での活動)	Period (期間)

10. English Proficiency (英語能力)

Score of TOEFL iBT
(TOEFL のスコア)

Score of IELTS Academic
(IELTS のスコア)

Date of the Test
(受験日)

_____ or _____ 20_____
Year (年) Month (月) Day (日)

11. Accompanying Dependents : Provide the following information if you plan to bring any family members to Japan.
(同伴家族欄 (日本に同伴する予定の家族がいる場合に記入すること。))

* All expenses incurred by the presence of dependents must be borne by the grantee.

(注) なお同伴者に必要な経費はすべて自己負担である。

Name (氏名)	Relationship (続柄)	Age (年齢)

12. Person to be notified in applicant's home country, in case of emergency:

(緊急の際の母国連絡先)

i) Name in Full

(氏名) _____

ii) Address

(住所) _____

Phone

Fax

E-mail

iii) Occupation

(職業) _____

iv) Relationship

(本人との関係) _____

I understand and accept all the matters stated in the Application Guidelines for Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship for 2021, and hereby apply for this scholarship.

(私は 2021 年度日本政府 (文部科学省) 奨学金留学生募集要項に記載されている事項をすべて了解して申請します。)

Date of Application

(申請年月日) _____

Applicant's Signature

(申請者署名) _____

Applicant's Name

(in Roman Block Capitals)

(申請者氏名) _____

Recommendation Form

To the Applicant

Please complete only the top portion of this form. Your recommender should complete the rest of the form.

Your Name (Family)	(Given)	(Middle)

To the Recommender

The person whose name appears above is applying for admission to the Young Leaders' Program.

Please provide your recommendation on your own letterhead or stationery. The Admissions Committee values the recommender's direct contact with the candidate. In your letter, please answer the following questions as candidly and specifically as possible:

Please return this form and your recommendation to the applicant in a sealed envelope, with your signature across the seal. The applicant will submit the sealed, signed envelope to us as part of the completed application package.

The Admissions Committee is aware of the time and care necessary to prepare this form. We gratefully acknowledge your help.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. How often have you observed the applicant? (Please tick one box)

- every day 3 or 4 times a week 1 or 2 times a week 1 or 2 times a month
 less than once a month

3. Please provide a short list of specific activities which demonstrate the applicant's salient talents and strength, e.g., leadership, creativity.

4. Please discuss observations you have made concerning the applicant's leadership abilities. (Please tell the reason to judge that the applicant has a possibility to be a leader in your home country.)

5. Please discuss observations you have made concerning the applicant's interpersonal skills.

6. Please discuss observations you have made concerning the applicant's innovative/creative capabilities.

9. Please write if you have any comment.

Please provide telephone numbers should the Admissions Committee feel a need to contact you regarding the reference.

Business Telephone Number _____

Home Telephone Number _____

Recommender's Signature _____

Recommender's Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Position or Title _____ Organization _____

Business Address _____

Home Address _____

Essay Questions

The following essay questions will provide us with more information about you and your reasons for applying to the Young Leaders' Program.

Your essays must be typed. Please use A4-size paper or 8 1/2" × 11" paper. Limit your responses to the maximum number of words designated for each question. Use standard double-spaced lines. Your name should appear at the top of each separate sheet of paper. The number of the essay question should precede every essay. Staple the essays together and submit them with the other application materials.

1. What are your most significant accomplishments, activities, and life experiences to date? Please emphasize the events which highlight your unique abilities and personality. (maximum 500 words)
2. What is your leadership philosophy? Describe key individuals and/or experiences that shaped your philosophy. (maximum 500 words)

Supplemental Question

3. How did you become interested in the Young Leaders' Program? Please list specific information sources such as publications, alumni, faculty, and websites. (maximum 200 words)

健康診断書

CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH (to be completed by the examining physician)

日本語又は英語により明瞭に記載すること。

Please fill out (PRINT/TYPE) in Japanese or English. Do not leave any items blank.

氏名 Name: _____
Family name, First name Middle name

男 Male
 女 Female

生年月日 Date of Birth: _____

年齢 Age: _____

1. 身体検査 Physical Examinations

(1) 身長 Height _____ cm 体重 Weight _____ kg

(2) 血圧 Blood pressure _____ mm/Hg ~ _____ mm/Hg 血液型 Blood Type

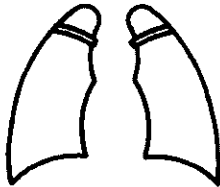
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脈拍数 Pulse Rate _____ /min 整 regular
 不整 irregular

(3) 視力 Eyesight: (R) _____ (L) _____ (R) _____ (L) _____
裸眼 without glasses 矯正 with glasses or contact lenses

(4) 聴力 Hearing: 正常 normal 低下 impaired
 言語 speech: 正常 normal 異常 impaired

2. 申請者の胸部について、聴診とX線検査の結果を記入してください。X線検査の日付も記入すること (6ヶ月以上前の検査は無効)。
 Please describe the results of physical and X-ray examinations of applicant's chest x-ray (X-ray taken more than 6 months prior to the certification is NOT valid).



肺 lung: 正常 normal 異常 impaired

Date _____

Film No. _____

Describe the condition of applicant's lung.

心臓 Cardiomegaly: 正常 normal 異常 impaired

心電図 Electrocardiograph
 正常 normal 異常 impaired

3. 現在治療中の病気 Disease & Treatment at Present Yes (Disease: _____ Medicine: _____)
 No

4. 既往症 Past history: Please indicate with + or - and fill in the date of recovery.

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| Tuberculosis..... <input type="checkbox"/> (. . .) | Malaria..... <input type="checkbox"/> (. . .) | Measles..... <input type="checkbox"/> (. . .) |
| Epilepsy..... <input type="checkbox"/> (. . .) | Kidney disease..... <input type="checkbox"/> (. . .) | Heart diseases..... <input type="checkbox"/> (. . .) |
| Diabetes..... <input type="checkbox"/> (. . .) | Drug allergy..... <input type="checkbox"/> (. . .) | Psychosis..... <input type="checkbox"/> (. . .) |
| Functional disorder in extremities..... <input type="checkbox"/> (. . .) | Hepatitis..... <input type="checkbox"/> (Type: A, B, C, D, E) (. . .) | Others..... <input type="checkbox"/> (. . .) |
| Rheumatic fever..... <input type="checkbox"/> (. . .) | | |

5. ワクチン接種歴 Vaccination history

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| MMRV (Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Zoster)..... <input type="checkbox"/> Time(s) () | Mumps..... <input type="checkbox"/> Time(s) () | Hepatitis B..... <input type="checkbox"/> Time(s) () |
| MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)..... <input type="checkbox"/> Time(s) () | Chicken pox..... <input type="checkbox"/> Time(s) () | Meningitis..... <input type="checkbox"/> Time(s) () |
| MR (Measles, Rubella)..... <input type="checkbox"/> Time(s) () | Polio..... <input type="checkbox"/> Time(s) () | |
| M (Measles)..... <input type="checkbox"/> Time(s) () | Diphtheria Pertussis Tetanus combined..... <input type="checkbox"/> Time(s) () | |

6. 検査 Laboratory tests

検尿 Urinalysis: glucose (), protein (), occult blood () ・ 検便 Feces: Parasite(egg of parasite)(+, -)
 赤沈 ESR: _____ mm/Hr, WBC count: _____ x10³/μl, Hemoglobin: _____ g/dl, ALT: _____ u/l
 Pregnancy test () if you are female

7. 診断医の印象を述べて下さい。 Please describe your impression.

8. 志願者の既往歴、診察・検査の結果から判断して、現在の健康の状況は十分に留学に耐えうるものと思われますか?
 In view of the applicant's history and the above findings, is it your observation his/her health status is adequate to pursue studies in Japan?
 yes no

日付 Date: _____ 署名 Signature: _____

医師氏名 Physician's Name in Print: _____

検査施設名 Office/Institution: _____

所在地 Address: _____

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School of Local Governance



政策研究大学院大学
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FOR POLICY STUDIES

A World of Opportunities for Young Leaders

Message from the Program Director

The Young Leaders Program (YLP) at GRIPS is a special master's degree program for promising young leaders in government. It is fully supported, including full scholarships for all students, by the Japanese government.

The YLP aims at nurturing future national leaders in Asia and other regions, forming international human networks of these leaders, establishing friendly relations among participating countries and improving the quality of public policy.

The specific content of the YLP is designed to provide young leaders with opportunities to enrich and enlarge their knowledge of global, regional and Japanese politics and economies, public administration and policies from comparative, historical and contemporary perspectives. The faculty is composed of eminent academics and former government officials with a wide range of experience in both national and local governments.

I hope you will join the YLP and realize your dream of contributing to your country and to the global community in your future career.



Prof. Kiyotaka Yokomichi

Executive Vice President;
Director of Young Leaders Program;
Senior Professor
Specialty: Public Administration and Local Public Administration



Prof. Mikitaka Masuyama

Executive Vice President; Dean;
Chair of Masters' Program Committee;
Director of Public Policy Program
(Master's & Ph.D.); Deputy Director of
Young Leaders Program (School of
Government); Professor
*Specialty: Japanese Politics, Legislative
Institutions, Political Methodology*



Prof. Hirofumi Takada

Director of Regional Policy Concentration,
Public Policy Program (Domestic);
Deputy Director of Young Leaders
Program (School of Local Governance);
Professor
*Specialty: Local Public Administration and
Finance, Local Revitalization*

About GRIPS

The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) was founded in 1997 by the Japanese government as a stand-alone national graduate university focused on policy studies. Future policy leaders and researchers from all over the world gather here, forming an international research hub.

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1 About the Program

The YLP is a one-year program that culminates in a Master's Degree in Public Administration or Public Policy. The YLP is part of the Japanese government's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) scholarship program.

The YLP has two parallel and overlapping programs run through the School of Government and the School of Local Governance. The curriculum for both courses is taught entirely in English and covers a wide range of topics concerning public administration and policy formulation. It also offers the opportunity for intensive discussion with politicians, high-level government officials, corporate directors, journalists and other leaders. The program includes a field trip and a workshop and requires a final paper based on independent study. There are opportunities to collaborate on policy research with other institutions, including Japan's central and local governments. The colloquium, which meets seven or eight times per semester, is an unrivalled opportunity to discuss fresh ideas with eminent speakers.

Goals and mission

The goal of the YLP is to cultivate national leaders of the future in Asia and around the world. Participants gain a deep understanding of Japan through their activities and work during the program and build the foundations for a network of friendly relationships and improved policy planning capacity among national leaders.

Graduates from the YLP are expected to return to their former governmental organizations and apply their knowledge and experience to become strong leaders.

Target group

The YLP is for exceptionally promising young government officials who have already shown their dedication through work experience in public administration. Students are admitted on the basis of an appraisal of their potential to become future leaders at home, to play important roles in their countries' development and to maintain strong, long-lasting working relationships with Japan and other countries around the world.



2 Curriculum

Course Offerings for 2021-2022

School of Government

Category	Course Name	Credit
I Required Courses	The World and the SDGs	1
	Introduction to Japan	2
	Colloquium	2
	Independent Study	4
	Tutorial	2
	Field Trip	2
II Recommended Courses	Microeconomics I	2
	Essential Microeconomics	4
	Contemporary Japanese Economy	2
	Japanese Economy	2
	Economic Development of Japan	2
	Government and Politics in Japan	2
	International Relations	2
	International Political Economy	2
	International Security Studies	2
	Comparative Politics	2
	Structure and Process of Government	2
	Leadership and Knowledge Creation	2
	Global Governance: Leadership and Negotiation	2
	GRIPS Forum I	1
GRIPS Forum II	1	
III Elective Courses	Macroeconomics I	2
	Government and Market	2
	Global Development Agendas and Japan's ODA	2
	International Trade	2
	Japanese Financial System	2
	Development Economics	2
	Monetary and Fiscal Policy	2
	Japanese Foreign Policy	2
	Social Science Questions and Methodologies	2
	Introduction to Data Science	2
	Data Science in Practice	2
	Local Government System and Finance	2
	Local Governance in the Changing World	2
	Selected Topics in Policy Studies I-IV	2
Courses not listed in this table		
X Others	Courses offered by the Center for Professional Communication	

School of Local Governance

Category	Course Name	Credit
I Required Courses	The World and the SDGs	1
	Local Government System and Finance	2
	Local Governance in the Changing World	2
	Introduction to Japan	2
	Colloquium	2
	Independent Study	4
II Recommended Courses	Tutorial	2
	Workshop	2
	Microeconomics I	2
	Essential Microeconomics	4
	Economic Development of Japan	2
	Government and Politics in Japan	2
	International Relations	2
	Structure and Process of Government	2
	Leadership and Knowledge Creation	2
	Global Governance: Leadership and Negotiation	2
III Elective Courses	GRIPS Forum I	1
	GRIPS Forum II	1
	Macroeconomics I	2
	Government and Market	2
	International Trade	2
	Development Economics	2
	Monetary and Fiscal Policy	2
	East Asian Economies	2
	Japanese Foreign Policy	2
	International Security Studies	2
	Social Science Questions and Methodologies	2
	Social Security System in Japan	2
	Small and Medium Enterprise and Technology	2
	National Land Policy	2
Introduction to Data Science	2	
Data Science in Practice	2	
X Others	Selected Topics in Policy Studies I-IV	
	Courses offered by the Center for Professional Communication	

Courses offered in the program are subject to change. For the latest, please see <http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/education/bulletin/>



Coursework

The YLP offers a wide range of courses concerning public administration, economics, political science and policy formulation. In addition to the required courses, students can select subjects in accordance with their interests and needs. All courses are taught in English.

Colloquium

One of the unique features of the YLP is the Colloquium, where YLP students are offered an exclusive and unrivalled opportunity to discuss and share ideas with a diverse range of eminent speakers, including many distinguished government leaders and business executives. The Colloquium meets fifteen or sixteen times a year, divided between the fall and spring terms.

Independent Study

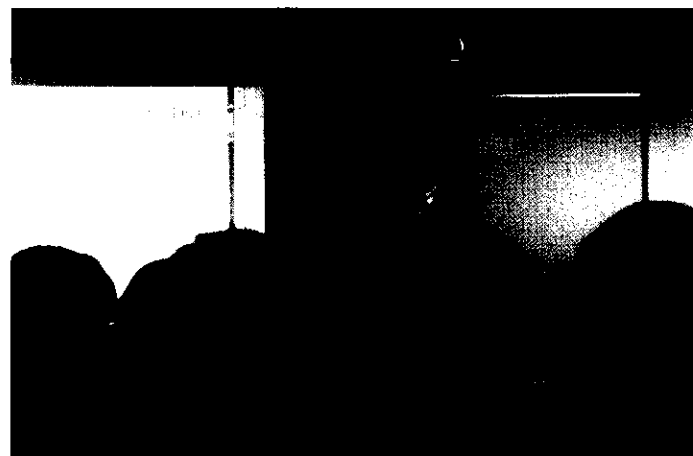
During the independent study you work one-on-one with an instructor on your master's thesis (or "policy paper") on a particular topic related to public administration and policy formulation. Students are supported in their research by the Center for Professional Communication (CPC) that organizes Writing Workshops as well as individual consultation throughout the year. The CPC will also help students improve their presentation skills. All students will give a presentation on their research in July.

Field Trip (School of Government)

Educational field trip is organized and provide a great opportunity to learn about local governments and communities, and socioeconomic developments in Japan. The field trips complement what is being taught in the classrooms and take you to places that you may not be able to explore and learn about on your own. You will visit central and local government offices, cultural and historical heritage sites, and industrial facilities. The YLP School of Government class of 2019 students visited Fukushima prefecture in January 2020.

Workshop (School of Local Governance)

During the workshop, you will visit local governments to meet with officials who will share their first-hand experience and practice in policy planning and implementation. You will also have a chance to visit various facilities such as a day care center for elderly people and a local economic and tourism development facility. You may thus be able to catch a glimpse of how the Japanese local government system actually works in everyday life in Japan.



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Student Support and Resources

One unique aspect of GRIPS is our extensive support system for assisting students in their daily living. We consider this aspect of your lives to be every bit as important as your academic life, especially for foreign scholars unfamiliar with Japan. As international students have comprised, on average, about 60% of the GRIPS student body over the last 20 years, we have developed comprehensive services to assist students in their day-to-day living.



The Student Office organizes orientation programs for incoming students and assists arriving international students in getting organized and settled in Japan. It also organizes a number of social events and activities, including field trips and Japanese cultural experiences. The Student Office also functions as a hub to promote interaction and understanding between Japanese and foreign nationals.

Faculty

GRIPS boasts a nearly 200-member faculty, which includes world-class academics and distinguished practitioners with many years of experience in public- or private-sector policy analysis and management. Our faculty's expertise spans a wide array of policy issues and areas of research, which allow us to offer a broad range of courses in policy-related fields.

For more on our faculty members, please see <http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/about/directory/>

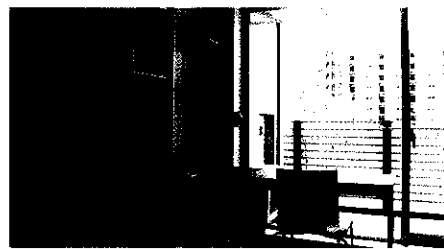
Accommodation

Accommodation is provided in the Tokyo International Exchange Center (TIEC), operated by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).

Tokyo International Exchange Center Residence Halls

In the bayside area, built in 2001 by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)

Room Types: Single, Couple, Family



Resources

Center for Professional Communication

The mission of the Center for Professional Communication is to support GRIPS' students, faculty, and staff in developing effective professional communication skills and competencies needed to communicate productively in an environment of multiple stakeholders. To this end, we offer a range of instruction and support in fundamental areas of professional communication in English and Japanese including policy paper writing, professional speaking, grant proposal writing, and digital communications. We also provide opportunities for cultural and academic exchanges through a self-access learning center, organize seminars and special events related to all aspects of professional communication, and prepare customized materials for students and staff on academic and professional writing and language learning.



The center supports Japanese language learning of students who lack Japanese language proficiency for daily living and study. The purpose

is to help students achieve greater competence in comprehension and speaking. The center also facilitates cultural and traditional experiences.

Library

- Extensive collection of publications in the field of policy studies, collected from around the world
- Collection contains over 190,000 volumes, including reference books, statistical collections, working papers, and government documents
- Large collections of periodicals that include more than 12,000 journals, many of which are available online
- Well-trained staff are equipped to respond to research-related requests



Facilities

Student Rooms and IT Support Center

- Each student is provided with a study space, accessible 24 hours a day
- A computer help desk is open to all students during regular working hours



Health Services Center

- In-house health clinic
- Nurse on duty daily, doctor available several days a week
- Provides medical advice, basic medical examinations
- Will refer to an appropriate hospital or specialist when necessary



Fitness Center

- Running machines and other training equipment
- Showers
- Free use by students, faculty, and staff



4 Admissions

Eligibility

The YLP is open to young public administrators and government officials who are expected to play active roles in the future as national leaders in their home countries. A minimum of three years of full-time work experience (five is preferable) in the field in the applicant's home country is a prerequisite for admission to the program.

The School of Government focuses on national policy-making and accepts students from 29 countries: P. R. China, Rep. of Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Viet Nam, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Australia, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey.

The School of Local Governance focuses on enhancement of local governance and government to respond to various regional issues in such areas as education, health, social welfare, and local development. It accepts students from 20 countries:

P. R. China, Rep. of Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, India, Pakistan, Turkey, Hungary, Czech Republic, Poland, Romania.

Admission to the YLP requires a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a recognized, accredited university of the highest standard as well as certifiable health. The applicant should be under 40 years of age as of 1 October, 2021; should be proficient in English with a TOEFL iBT score of 79, IELTS Academic score of 6.0 or equivalent and must be able to obtain a Student visa prior to arrival in Japan.

Applicants are not eligible if they are unable to travel to Japan by the last date of the period specified by GRIPS. People who are active members of military forces or civilians employed by the military during any part of the scholarship period or who are enrolled in a Japanese university under Student status or plan to enroll at a Japanese university as a privately financed international student between the time of application for the YLP scholarship and the time the scholarship period is due to commence are also ineligible. Loss of status as public administrator or government official before completion of the program will also render participants ineligible.





Scholarships

An allowance of 242,000 yen per month (in FY 2020; amount is subject to change) will be provided to grantees during the term of the scholarship. Grantees who are absent from the university for long periods will no longer be provided with the scholarship. Application fee, admission fee and tuition will be paid by the Japanese government. An economy-class air ticket from your home country to Japan upon enrollment at GRIPS and an economy-class air ticket from Japan to your home country upon completion of your studies at GRIPS will be provided.

Application procedures

Applicants should obtain an application form from the Japanese embassies or recommending authorities in the eligible countries (please check the GRIPS website for details about the recommending authorities in your country). Applicants must submit the following documentation in hard copy: application, recommendation letter from the recommending authority, 2 letters of recommendation by your immediate superior at work or supervising professor of the university you attended, official transcripts of academic record and graduation/degree certificates, official evidence of English ability, passport copy, essays and certificate of health.

For details, please see

http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/education/inter_programs/leader/

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Alumni

One of the greatest resources and joys of studying at GRIPS is the diversity of the student community. The connections you make at GRIPS are a valuable part of your degree. The GRIPS Alumni Network will ensure they are lifetime bonds by keeping you in touch with fellow alumni and the school.

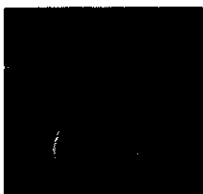
As a GRIPS graduate, you join an impressive network of over 5,000 alumni, including 442 graduates from YLP, who are actively shaping future policies in more than 100 countries around the world. Connectivity and communication sit at the heart of the alumni community. We offer a variety of ways to remain engaged with GRIPS and strengthen your ties with fellow alumni around the globe. These include alumni reunions, seminars, a searchable alumni directory and online networking opportunities utilizing social media such as Facebook and LinkedIn.

Number of YLP Alumni

Australia	Bangladesh	Brunei	Bulgaria	Cambodia	China	Czech Republic
18	15	3	7	26	37	10
Hungary	India	Indonesia	Japan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyz Republic	Laos
1	12	26	1	13	9	22
Malaysia	Mongolia	Myanmar	Pakistan	Philippines	Poland	Republic of Korea
24	7	21	18	29	22	9
Romania	Singapore	Slovakia	Sri Lanka	Thailand	Turkey	Turkmenistan
10	4	6	8	32	2	2
Uzbekistan	Viet Nam					
29	9					
Total 442						

as of April 2020





Djalilov Muzaffar (Uzbekistan, 2014)

First Secretary, Head Department of Analysis, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

"GRIPS is more than just a year of study. It does offer an excellent education: the brilliant teaching staff gives in-depth knowledge on various subjects. Moreover, you'll have a chance to know Japan from within. GRIPS itself embodies Japan – high quality, world recognition, hospitality, comfort, etc. At the same time GRIPS gives you something more – an opportunity to meet wonderful people from all over the world. The memories you will share with them at GRIPS and in Japan will become the high points in your life."



Dameria F. Panjaitan (Indonesia, 2014)

Head, Sub-division for Technical Cooperation, Ministry of Home Affairs

"YLP is definitely one of the most prominent programs in GRIPS. It gave me the opportunity to broaden my knowledge as well as to expand my international networking among fellow students from around the world. The unique structure of the program, combined with the cultural diversity of the people and the beautiful landscape of Japan were truly fascinating. For me, the experience was worthwhile, and as an alumna I felt genuinely delighted and privileged to be a part of this program."



Nang Monin (Cambodia, 2015)

Deputy Director, International Relation Department, General Secretariat, Ministry of Interior

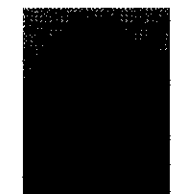
"During my one-year study as a YLP student at GRIPS, I got to enrich my knowledge and had the opportunity to experience Japanese society and culture. There were many wonderful professors who provided engaging lectures and highly supportive staffs who kept my daily life problem-free and enjoyable. Moreover, I got to know many fellow students from around the world and participated in various fun social activities and field trips. In short, YLP is the most privileged and memorable experience for me."



Vincze Zsuzsa Nora (Hungary, 2016)

Deputy Head, Embassy of Hungary in Oslo, Norway

"Going back to student life after ten years of professional work was indeed a true privilege. Due to excellent professors, fantastic fellow students and the welcoming atmosphere, my year at GRIPS was both intellectually inspiring and personally enriching. My GRIPS experience has broadened my world view and enhanced my knowledge of Japan, Asia and the world. The year spent in Tokyo will undoubtedly lead to further positive experiences in my professional and personal life."



Jessica Montgomery (Australia, 2017)

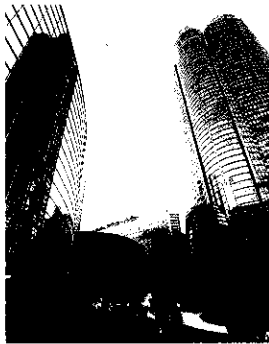
Analyst, Commonwealth Treasury

"The Young Leaders Program is a wonderful and unique opportunity to experience life in Japan and learn more about public policy, as well as Japanese society and culture. Academic studies at GRIPS are enriched by the exchange of experiences and perspectives between young government officials from across the world, and the field trips and seminars with Japanese government officials provide a novel addition to the learning experience. My year in Japan was highly memorable, particularly as a result of the enduring friendships developed throughout the year."

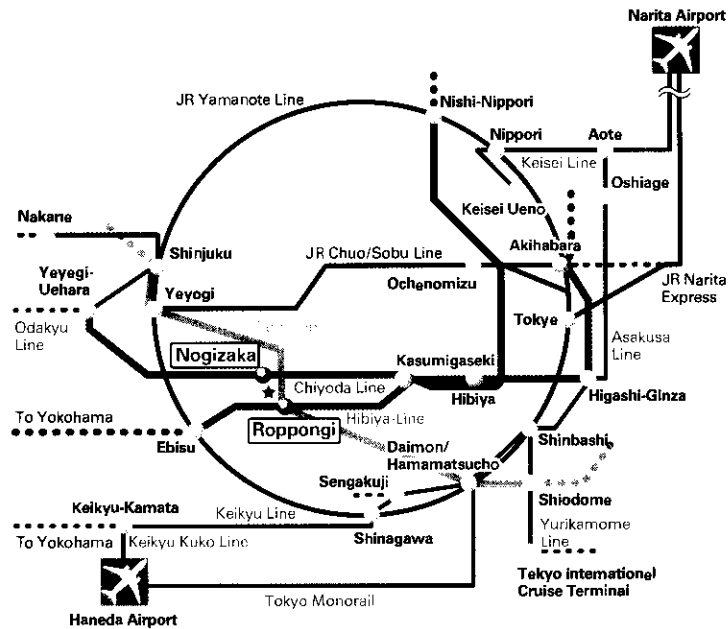
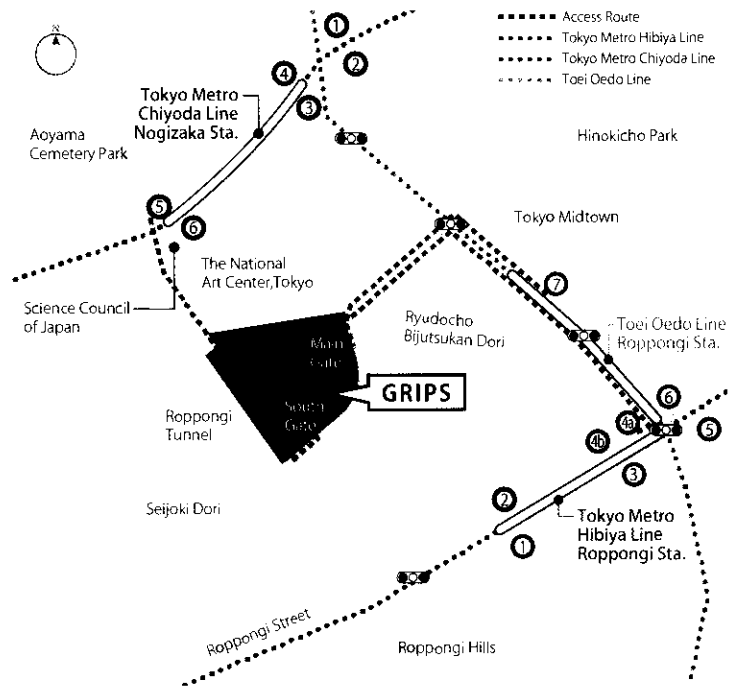
Address and Contact Information

Getting to GRIPS

The GRIPS building is located in the center of Tokyo, conveniently accessible by public transport. Both Nogizaka Station on the Chiyoda Line and Roppongi Station on the Oedo and Hibiya Lines are within 10 minutes walking distance.



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